conditions as a Central Sector Scheme. The focus of the programme is on actual, demonstrable performance in terms of loss reduction. Establishment of reliable and automated systems for sustained collection of accurate base line data, and the adoption of Information Technology in the areas of energy accounting are the necessary pre-conditions before sanctioning any projects for strengthening and up-gradation of Sub-transmission and distribution networks. Projects under the scheme are to be taken up in Two Parts. Part-A is to include the projects for establishment of baseline data and IT applications for energy accounting / auditing and IT based consumer service centers. Part-B includes regular distribution strengthening projects. Initially funds for projects under both parts shall be provided through loan. Government of India will provide the permissible grant money as and when it becomes payable. The entire amount of loan for Part-A Projects is to be converted into grant once the establishment of the required Baseline data system is achieved and verified by an independent agency appointed by the Ministry of Power. Up to 50% (90% for special category states) of loan for Part-B projects is to be converted into grant on achieving the 15% AT and C loss in the project area. The Utilities are also to achieve the following target of AT and C loss reduction at utility level:

- Utilities having AT and C loss above 30%: Reduction by 3% per year
- Utilities having AT and C loss below 30%: Reduction by 1.5% per year

Setting up of power plants in Andhra Pradesh

261. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is establishing electricity generating plants in the East and West Godavari districts, to meet the urgent need of electricity of the people of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the plants would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Two private sector power plants, namely, Konaseema CCPP (445 MW) and Gautami CCPP (464 MW) are scheduled to be commissioned during 2008-09 in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. Construction of these projects has been completed, but commissioning is held up for want of availability of gas. In the state Sector the Polavaram Hydroelectric Power Project (960 MW) is programmed to be set up by APGENCO in the East Godavari District, which is likely to come up in the 12th Plan.

Setting up of Ultra Mega Power Projects in Orissa

262. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up three Ultra Mega Power Projects in Orissa, in addition to the nine such plants in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;